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3. "Podstawa Państwowa Szkoła Żegluga (Primary State School of Shipping) in Wrocław, at No. 10 Bruckner Street. The course at this school lasts two years. There are about 120 pupils. The school has its own, very decent, new buildings and its own mechanical workshops. The pupils are also sent out for practical training in workshops and factories of Wrocław. The students are a varied, difficult group of youngsters. There were wide purges among the pupils in April 52. In winter 1952-53 the authorities allegedly discovered a secret plot of a group (more than 10) pupils who intended to organize an escape to the West.

Technikum Morskie Mechaniczne in Gdynia. In autumn 1975 the
Technikum Morskie Nawigacyjne was to be transferred to Gdynia from Szczecin.

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Technikum Mechaniczne is located at No. 37 Ulica Czerwonych Kosciuszcow in the pre-World War II building of the Marine school of Gdynia. It has about 100 pupils. Like Technikum Nawigacyjne, it accepts pupils who have completed seven classes of primary school and have passed identical entrance exams. The school has its own boarding establishment. The head of the school is (fm) Jurewicz

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The pupils are subjected to compulsory military training (Studium Wojskowe); they do not know however whether this will eventually shorten their obligatory military service. (Until 1951, the graduates of the school were conscripted, mostly into the Navy, for an ordinary term of service i. e., three years.) In Gdynia, as in Szczecin, this situation has roused many complaints from the pupils, who demand that the authorities explain the matter clearly and tell them if they are entitled to a shortened term of service. In the Gdynia Technikum as at Szczecin, continuous purges are taking place. In the 1952-53 year a group of pupils was expelled. Only a small percentage of the graduates eventually receive their sailing permits. a few of the graduates who enjoy a first-class political reputation, are usually sent to Soviet higher marine schools in Odessa and Leningrad. Presumably they are being trained for posts in the shipping service. The Technikum in Gdynia runs also short courses for mechanics, selected on the basis of 'social advancement'. These courses last usually nine months. They are open to seamen considered trustworthy by the authorities."

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